

Workshop on Draft Delta Plan







March 10-11, 2011

Workshop Goals

- Increase understanding by Council and staff of recommended priorities
- Inform development of next Staff Draft of a Delta Plan
- Promote meaningful dialog consistent with the Council's commitment to openness

Workshop Overview

-  Three panels
 - *Protecting, Restoring, and Enhancing the Delta Ecosystem*
 - *Providing a More Reliable Water Supply for California*
 - *Reduce Risks to People, Property, and State Interests in the Delta*
-  Topic questions focused on priorities
-  Facilitated dialog with Council members
-  Opportunities for focused public input

Panel Format





- 🌊 Introductions
- 🌊 Panelist presentations: 5 minutes each
- 🌊 Facilitated dialog with Council
 - *Questions from Council members*
 - *Questions among panel members*
- 🌊 Public comments on panel topic, presentations, and dialog

Workshop Guidelines for Panelists and Public

- 🌊 Respect people, ideas, and time limits
- 🌊 Don't interrupt
- 🌊 Honor requests from facilitator
- 🌊 Council members: engage panelists


Panel A Topic Questions

For each of the following questions, please address:

-  How will your priorities protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place?
-  Which of your priorities should be accomplished through regulation?
-  Which of your priorities should be accomplished through recommendation to the Legislature?
-  In general terms, what will your priorities cost?



Panel A Topic Questions

1. From your perspective, what are the top three priorities the Delta Plan should include in order to:

-  **Manage the Delta's water and environmental resources and the water resources of the state over the long term? [Water Code Section 85020(a)]**


Panel A Topic Questions

2. From your perspective, what are the top three priorities the Delta Plan should include in order to:

-  Protect, maintain, and, where possible, enhance and restore the overall quality of the Delta environment, including, but not limited to, agriculture, wildlife habitat, and recreational activities? [Public Resources Code Section 29702(b)]
-  Restore the Delta ecosystem, including its fisheries and wildlife, as the heart of a healthy estuary and wetland ecosystem? [Water Code Section 85020(c)]

Panel A Topic Questions






3. From your perspective, what are the top three priorities the Delta Plan should include in order to:

-  Develop new or improved aquatic and terrestrial habitat and protect existing habitats to advance the goal of restoring and enhancing the Delta ecosystem? [Water Code Section 85022(d)(5)]

Panel A Topic Questions

3. (cont.) From your perspective, what are the top three priorities the Delta Plan should include in order to:







Include measures that promote all of the following characteristics of a healthy Delta ecosystem Water Code Section 85302(c):

-  *Viable populations of native resident and migratory species*
-  *Functional corridors for migratory species*
-  *Diverse and biologically appropriate habitats and ecosystem processes*
-  *Reduced threats and stresses on the Delta ecosystem*
-  *Conditions conducive to meeting or exceeding the goals in existing species recovery plans and state and federal goals with respect to doubling salmon populations?*

Panel A Topic Questions





3. (cont.) From your perspective, what are the top three priorities the Delta Plan should include in order to:

Include the following sub-goals and strategies [Water Code Section 85302(e)]:

-  *Restore large areas of interconnected habitats within the Delta and its watersheds by 2100*
-  *Establish migratory corridors for fish, birds, and other animals along selected Delta river channels*
-  *Promote self-sustaining, diverse populations of native and valued species by reducing the risk of take and harm from invasive species*
-  *Restore Delta flows and channels to support a healthy estuary and other ecosystems*
-  *Improve water quality to meet drinking water, agricultural, and ecosystem long-term goals*
-  *Restore habitat necessary to avoid a net loss of migratory bird habitat and, where feasible, increase migratory bird habitat to promote viable populations of migratory birds?*



Panel B Topic Questions

For each of the following questions, please address:

-  How will your priorities protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place?
-  Which of your priorities should be accomplished through regulation?
-  Which of your priorities should be accomplished through recommendation to the Legislature?
-  In general terms, what will your priorities cost?



Panel B Topic Questions

1. From your perspective, what are the top three priorities the Delta Plan should include in order to:

-  *Manage the Delta's water and environmental resources and the water resources of the state over the long term? [Water Code Section 85020(a)]*
-  *Improve water quality to protect human health and the environment consistent with achieving water quality objectives in the Delta? [Water Code Sections 85020(e) and 85022(d)(6)]*



Panel B Topic Questions

2. From your perspective, what are the top three priorities the Delta Plan should include in order to:

-  *Achieve the objective of promoting statewide water conservation, water use efficiency, and sustainable water use? [Water Code Section 85020(d)]*
-  *Promote statewide water conservation, water use efficiency, and sustainable use of water. [Water Code Section 85303]*

Panel B Topic Questions




3. From your perspective, what are the top three priorities the Delta Plan should include in order to:

-  *Achieve the objective of improving the water conveyance system and expanding statewide water storage? [Water Code Section 85020(f)]*
-  *Promote options for new and improved infrastructure relating to the water conveyance in the Delta, storage systems, and for the operation of both to achieve the coequal goals? [Water Code Section 85304]*

Panel B Topic Questions





4. From your perspective, what are the top three priorities the Delta Plan should include in order to:

[Include measures to] promote a more reliable water supply that address all of the following [Water Code Section 85302(d)]:

-  *(1) Meeting the needs for reasonable and beneficial uses of water*
-  *(2) Sustaining the economic vitality of the state*
-  *(3) Improving water quality to protect human health and the environment?*





Panel C Topic Questions

For each of the following questions, please address:






-  How will your priorities protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place?
-  Which of your priorities should be accomplished through regulation?
-  Which of your priorities should be accomplished through recommendation to the Legislature?
-  In general terms, what will your priorities cost?

Panel C Topic Questions



1. From your perspective, what are the top three priorities the Delta Plan should include in order to:

-  *Ensure orderly, balanced conservation and development of Delta land resources? [Public Resources Code Section 29702(c)]*
-  *Reduce risks to people, property, and state interest in the Delta by effective emergency preparedness, appropriate land uses, and investments in flood protection? [Water Code Section 85020(g)]*
-  *Attempt to reduce risks to people, property, and state interests in the Delta by promoting effective emergency preparedness, appropriate land uses, and strategic levee investments? [Water Code Section 85305(a)]*
-  *Incorporate into the Delta Plan the emergency preparedness and response strategies for the Delta developed by the California Emergency Management Agency pursuant to Section 12994.5? [Water Code Section 85305(b)]*

Panel C Topic Questions

2. **From your perspective, what are the top three priorities the Delta Plan should include in order to:**
-  *Improve flood protection by structural and nonstructural means to ensure an increased level of public health and safety? [Public Resources Code Section 29702(d)]*
 -  *Recommend [in consultation with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board] priorities for state investments in levee operation, maintenance, and improvements in the Delta, including both levees that are a part of the State Plan of Flood Control and non-project levees? [Water Code Section 85306]*
 -  *Identify actions to be taken outside of the Delta, if those actions are determined to significantly reduce flood risks in the Delta? [Water Resources Code Section 85307(a)]*
 -  *Include local plans of flood protection? [Water Resources Code Section 85307(b)]*
 -  *Reach a decision about incorporating the Department of Water Resources' proposal to coordinate flood and water supply operations of the State Water Project and the federal Central Valley Project? [Water Resources Code Section 85309]*

Panel C Topic Questions

3. From your perspective, what are the top three priorities the Delta Plan should include in order to:
-  *Address the effects of climate change and sea level rise on the three state highways that cross the Delta [in consultation with the Department of Transportation]? [Water Code Section 85307(c)]*
 -  *Incorporate additional actions to address the needs of Delta energy development, energy storage, and energy [transmission and] distribution [in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and the Public Utilities Commission]? [Water Resources Code Section 85307(d)]*